

**USEPA Vasquez Bl./ I-70 Superfund Site
Community Advisory Group (CAG)**

July 23, 2020

RE:EPA Institutional Controls, OU1, VB/I-70 Superfund Site

Mr. Gregory Sopkin,
Regional Administrator
USEPA Region 8
Denver, Colorado

Delivered via E mail
RE: CAG Resolution 2020-1

Dear Mr. Sopkin:

We hope that this email finds you and your family well.

The VB/I-70 CAG has questions about the Institutional Controls put in place in OU1 of the VB/I-70 Superfund Site.

In 2019, ten years after it was recognized by EPA, that Institutional Controls (IC) were necessary to protect human health in Operable Unit 1 of the Vasquez Bl./I-70 Superfund Site, it was discovered that the IC were not working as planned and potential buyers were not being notified of the IC before a purchase was consummated. This was ostensibly blamed on the fact that the Denver Clerk and Records office filed the IC notices under the property owners' names, not the addresses.

The CAG requests that the EPA explain, in writing, within 30 days (1) how such a mistake happened, (2) what EPA is doing to notify current and potential property owners of the error and (3) what are the plans to fix the problem with the Denver Clerk and Recorder Office.

Warmest regards,

Fran Aguirre
CAG Administrator

Attachment: Memo EPA IC 7/2020

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